



Afghan Security Forces Recaptured Tora Bora

KABUL, Afghanistan - A top Afghan security official says he welcomes the U.S. government decision to send an additional 4,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Gen. Tariq Shah Bahrami, acting Afghan defense minister, said Saturday the decision was in consultation with the Afghan government. The mission for the new U.S. troops will be to train and advise Afghan

security forces. Meanwhile, Bahrami says army security forces recaptured Tora Bora in eastern Nangarhar province. He said at least 22 Islamic State group fighters were killed and 10 others were wounded in a clearance operation. A major plan of the Islamic State group was to establish the Khorasan province but it has been foiled by security forces. (AP)

Security Forces Foil Terrors Bid in Farah

FARAH CITY - Police in western Farah provinces have recovered an explosive-laden vehicle and prevented huge devastation and loss of precious lives, an official said on Friday. The vehicle with 1,500 kilograms of explosives was transferred from Bakwa district to Balabolukand

police seized it in Dezyak village. The driver took the advantage of darkness of the night and managed to flee from the area. The explosives were detonated by security forces Thursday night in Bala boluk. Militants have not commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Woman Commits Suicide in Faryab

MAIMANA - A 35-year-old woman committed suicide by poisoning herself in Maimana city, the capital of northwestern Faryab province on Saturday, an official said. Provincial police spokesman, Abdul Karim Yurish, told Pajhwok Afghan News the woman named, Abida, the mother of seven children killed herself due to domestic violence in Kartal-Genral Dostum area of Maimana city this morning. Abdul Karim Yurish said the husband of the woman was spending his jail term for a criminal case. Investigation about the real

motive behind the suicide is underway, he added Provincial public health's in charge for forensic, Dr. Samir Enayat, said Abida committed suicide by drinking bleach. Sayed Hafizullah Fitrat, head of the provincial Independent Human Rights Commission, said four suicide and 12 honor related cases have been registered in Faryab in the past six months. He linked such incidents to poverty, joblessness, lack of awareness from religion, forced marriages, honor marriages and insecurity. (Pajhwok)

At least 700 Daesh Militants Killed in Afghan Province of Nangarhar in 3 Months

MOSCOW - At least 700 the Daesh terror group (banned in Russia) militants were killed in eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar in the last three months, local media reported citing Afghan National Army Gen. Mohammad Zaman Waziri. The Khaama news agency reported Waziri saying that the militants have suffered heavy casualties in the region, which local officials now claim to be cleared of the Daesh presence. He added that security checkpoints would be added in the liberated areas. Afghanistan has been experiencing significant political, social and security-related instability for decades, as terrorist organizations, including the Taliban radical ... (More on P4)...(17)



18 Insurgents Perish in Paktika Firefight

SHARANA - At least 18 Taliban insurgents were killed after they stormed police posts overnight in Urgan district of southeastern Paktika province, officials said on Saturday. Acting provincial police chief, Col. Dadullah Khan Hotak, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the insurgents staged coordinated attacks on police check posts at around 1am last night in Pirkoti area. He said police put up stiff resistance killing at least 18 insurgents and wounding three others. Hotak said police escaped unhurt in the attack. Hotak said currently gun shots were sporadically traded as the insurgents were trying to take the bodies of their dead comrades with them. Urgan police chief Haji Rahim, also denied any casualties to police. A resident of Pirkoti area, Bakht Jan, said the Taliban conducted severe attacks on police check points before dawn and the clash lasted till the morning. He said police also suffered casualties in the gun battle, however, he had no figure. He said the rebels took control of the Pirkoti area after security reinforcements couldn't reach. There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Policemen among 15 Dead in Faryab Clashes

MAIMANA - Five policemen, 10 militant and a woman have been killed as a result of clashes in different districts of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday. Police spokesman, Abdul Karim Yourish, said the Taliban stormed security forces check-posts in Sherin Tagab, Qaisar and Ghor-mach districts late on Friday. He said woman, policeman were killed and five others wounded including civilians when the Taliban at-



tacked security forces check-posts and a civilian vehicle in Sherin Tagab district. Also 15 militants suffered casualties during the ANA airstrike after the Taliban attack. Separately, four security personnel, nine Taliban were killed and 22 others, including eight policemen, were wounded during clash in Boryaraklak area of Qaisar district. ... (More on P4)...(18)

Explosion Leaves 4 Civilian Workers Dead in Laghman Province

LASHKARGAH - At least four civilians were killed in an explosion in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan in the early hours of Friday morning. According to the local government officials, the incident took place in the vicinity of Alingar district after a vehicle carrying civilian workers struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The provincial government media office in a statement



also confirmed the incident took place around 5:30 am local time. The statement further added that the civilians were on their way to a construction site when their vehicle struck an IED planted by the militants on a roadside. No group including the ... (More on P4)...(19)

20 Militants Killed in Afghan and US Forces Airstrikes in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - At least twenty insurgents were killed during the airstrikes conducted by the Afghan and US forces in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, the local officials said late Friday. The airstrikes were carried out late on Thursday in the vicinity of Marjah district of the Helmand, the officials added. According to the officials, the airstrikes were carried out on Taliban's hideouts in Wakil Wazir roundabout. In the meantime, the provincial government in a statement said additional forces have been deployed to Marjah district in a bid to further step up counter-terrorism operations against the militant groups. The statement further added that the Afghan forces have also received enough logistics support so that they can take their fight against the insurgents forward. Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities. Taliban insurgents have carried out numerous large attacks to capture the key districts of Helmand including the provincial capital of Lashkargah city during the recent months ... (More on P4)...(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You'll try nearly anything today if you think it will lead to a memorable experience. Unfortunately, much of what you do will not turn out as expected and you might be sent back to the drawing board. In fact, you may feel as if you're destined to repeat this cycle, each time believing that your impulsive behavior will lead to a more stabilizing outcome.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You don't like being pressured to respond before you are ready. Unfortunately, everyone seems to be waiting for you to speak, yet you can't put your clever ideas into words. It's as if your anxiety scares the thoughts away before you can verbalize them. Fortunately, the solution to this dilemma is not complicated. Imagine that time is rubber and you can stretch it to your advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



There's no need to fly a kite in the whimsical winds of change today, for you are the kite being bounced around by the breezes. You love the feeling of freedom that flying brings, yet there are moments when you wish you could be back on good old terra firma. Thankfully, you might just get what you want, especially if you are smart enough to let the currents take you where they will.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your patience is wearing thin today and you're tempted to take drastic action so everyone knows exactly where you stand. But caution wins out over urgency and you probably will bide your time until external circumstances are right rather than giving in to an uncontrollable emotional outburst. The truth is, acting strategically doesn't mean you're avoiding the issue.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're running hot and cold today, but paradoxically at the very same time. You want to cut loose and do your own thing, even if it means leaving the safety of the pack. But you stand to benefit from strong supervision now; you might even be required to set aside your pet projects and concentrate on someone else's priorities rather than yours.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are a veritable star today, shining brightly within your chosen career. But being a resounding success in other people's eyes is not as important to you as living in integrity. Nevertheless, it's easy to get swept up in all the social noise and forget your real purpose now. However, you possess the tools to narrow your focus and reset your priorities.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Turning down an invitation from a friend is challenging today, even if your schedule doesn't really permit you to say yes. Nevertheless, you may live under an illusion that you can continue to compress and stretch the hours of the day at your own discretion. Unfortunately, you might hit a wall sooner than you expect and your overpacked agenda will implode.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your unconventional approach to routine can turn your day upside down. You want to shake up your world by doing things in a different order just to avoid the boredom of everything being the same. But sometimes change isn't constructive, especially in the middle of a process that actually works. Don't let your current rebellious streak wreak havoc.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your joie de vivre knows no bounds today, or so it seems. You look off toward the distant horizon with an irrepressible exuberance, even if you lack a solid plan. The truth is you might not even have a specific goal in mind now, other than to live your life as large as possible. Unfortunately, your uncontainable optimism isn't enough to carry you past the real-world obstacles you encounter.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're not nearly as cautious as you appear today, but your methodical approach to accomplishing work enables you to get away with more than people realize. In a way, you're a revolutionary dressed in a conservative suit of clothes, but you must be careful not to give yourself away. Misleading others is not your intention; it's just that you need to be accepted into the social circles that can make a difference.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Words flow easily today, but you're merely describing the amazing images that keep popping into awareness. Your innovative thinking is the real gift now, especially if you can utilize your creativity to express your breakthroughs. Others may be dazzled by your intelligence, but at some point your brain will need to rest.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Although you live so comfortably in the realms of your imagination, you must stop your mental meanderings today and take care of business in the real world. You might be envisioning the week ahead or happily retreating into your fantasy life. Either way, you need to set aside your compelling dreams for a while, if you want to maintain your position.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 71 indicating starting points for words.

Across: 1. Untidy people, 6. Swill, 10. Broad valley, 14. A woman whose husband is dead, 15. Emanation, 16. Dash, 17. Fragrance, 18. Flutter, 19. Male deer, 20. A lively whirling dance, 22. Desire, 23. Epic, 24. Complain whiningly, 26. Ward (off), 30. A type of large sandwich, 31. Genus of macaws, 32. Double-reed woodwind, 33. Articulates, 35. Awkward, 39. Ceremonial staff, 41. Coach, 43. Classical Greek, 44. Have the area, 46. Area, 47. Mouth (British slang), 49. Louisville Slugger, 50. Leisure, 51. Grandmother, 54. Calamitous, 56. Roman moon goddess, 57. Record player, 63. Death notice, 64. Disabled, 65. Cunning, 66. Found in some lotions, 67. Affirm, 68. Provide with a permanent fund, 69. Care for, 70. Cravings, 71. Oceans

Down: 1. Smack, 2. Former Italian currency, 3. Smell, 4. Python, 5. Stately heavy-bodied birds, 6. A precautionary measure, 7. Cradlesong, 8. By mouth, 9. Melon tree, 10. Demean, 11. Panic, 12. Big, 13. Go in, 21. Thigh armor, 25. Diva's solo, 26. Central points, 27. River of Spain, 28. Midday, 29. Assigned, 34. Filters, 36. Dwarf buffalo, 37. Writing implements, 38. Tall woody plant, 40. Computer symbol, 42. Backward-looking, 45. Belly, 48. Schtick, 51. Boast, 52. Russian currency, 53. Negatively charged particle, 55. Incited, 58. Possess, 59. Graphic symbol, 60. Assistant, 61. Raindrop sound, 62. Chops,

Yesterday's Solution

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